

HOLIDAY OPENING

OMEN'S **MUSIC!** ORCHESTRA
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Friday, Nov. 30
AFTERNOON AND EVENING

One Living San Jose Scale Causes Rejection and Destruction of 12,500 Young Peach Trees A MOST TRAGIC STORY OF THE HAMPSHIRE HILLS

Twelve thousand five hundred peach trees shipped to the Hampshire Orchard Company have been destroyed. The trees were purchased from the firm of Fleming and Hetzer, of Williamsport, Maryland. William B. Cornwell, president of the company, had the trees purchased, subject to inspection by the company. If the trees on examination did not meet the standard fixed by the inspectors and the law of the State, the company was not to take the trees. Mr. Cornwell had everything in readiness for the inspection of the trees when they reached their destination.

The Hampshire Orchard Company has its property in Hampshire county. The trees arrived at Romney Tuesday morning. Messrs. Carder and Shingleton, two local men, both experts in diseases of trees, and Professor Brooks, of the University of West Virginia, examined the trees. They made a thorough inspection of them and found one living San Jose scale. This was sufficient to cause the rejection of the trees. While there was only one living scale found there were many dead ones clinging to the branches of the trees. Rather than have one infected tree, the whole carload was condemned and destroyed.

There is a law in several of the States that fruit trees cannot be shipped from the State nor from another State through them without inspection. These trees were inspected in

Maryland and in Pennsylvania before they reached West Virginia, but the inspectors failed to catch the infected trees.

It has only been recently that West Virginia has had a law governing the inspection of fruit trees and the disposition of trees when infected. In 1901, John J. Cornwell introduced a bill in the State Senate that afterward became a law governing this matter. Whenever one buys trees he can apply to the director of the State Experiment station who will send out competent men to inspect the trees and if found infected the trees shall be destroyed. The nurserymen from whom the trees were bought have to bear the expenses of the inspection.

The Fleming and Hetzer company shipped into Hampshire county in addition to the 12,500 to the Hampshire Orchard Company 27,500 trees to other companies or 40,000 in all. The other trees will likely meet the same fate as the 12,500.

The rejection and destruction of the Fleming-Hetzer shipment may make it impossible for the Hampshire Orchard Company to plant any tree this fall, although the company will put forth its best efforts to get the 150 acres planted that it has ready. Only healthy trees will be planted. After the trees have been thoroughly inspected they will be fumigated and dipped in solution so that every vestige of infection is extirpated.

CARUSO SINGS

POLICE GUARD EXITS AND AISLES
OF OPERA HOUSE AT APPEAR-
ANCE OF TENOR IN "LA
BOHEME."

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Enrico Caruso was given a warm reception when he appeared a few moments after the curtain went up on "La Boheme" at the Metropolitan Opera House last night. The only suggestion of disapproval was mild hissing from different parts of the house. After a few seconds this was hushed. After his first solo Caruso was given an ovation, and bowed his appreciation.

The house was comfortably filled. Police guarded all the exits and were in evidence throughout in the aisles and stage.

There had been much speculation as to how the singer would be received, and there was some little fear of a hostile demonstration. To quell the latter, had it developed, the house had been picketed with the police.

At the end of the first act Caruso was recalled five times, and then would no longer respond. Madam Sembrich shared in these recalls.

LOST.

Lost gold watch. Initials C. W. D. on case. Finder return to this office and receive reward.

Friday is the last day on which you can get the discount on your taxes for this year.

For pure home made lard go to Satterfield's, Watson Hotel Building.

HAPPY ROMANCE

WOODED BY MAIL, INDIANA MAIDEN
COMES TO WHEELING TO WED
ENGINEER SWEETHEART.

LAPORTE, Ind., Nov. 29.—Wooded by mail and to be wed by her West Virginia lover, Miss Botha Devoil, a comely young woman of Hartford City, Ind., left yesterday for Wheeling.

C. S. Smith, the happy man, is an engineer at a coal mine. Seven years ago they met at a party while Miss Devoil was visiting relatives at Byesville, O. She prolonged her stay at his request, and when she left, Smith extracted a promise that she would write to him. They have never seen each other since, but the writing of love letters continued to the happy end of to-day.

DEFUNCT BANK

CLAYSVILLE, Pa., Nov. 29.—The affairs of the defunct First National bank of Clayville, which went into the hands of a receiver about two years ago, following alleged irregularities on the part of the cashier, who was sent to prison, will soon be wound up. Charles C. Murray, receiver, filed a petition in court stating that he had collected all the collectible bills and asked permission to sell all saleable assets. The petition was granted, and when this is done the bank's books will all be buried.

Dressed chicken at Robb's.

REV. BATES PREACHES ELOQUENT SERMON ON "THANKSGIVING"

Many People Attend Service

Rev. Z. E. Bates, of the Central Christian Church, delivered the sermon at the Union Thanksgiving services at the M. E. Church, South, this morning. The services opened with a voluntary by the choir of the M. E. Church augmented by singers from several of the choirs of other churches. Following the singing of a hymn by the congregation, Evangelist Shearer led the congregation in the reading of the Apostle's Creed, which was followed by prayer led by Rev. J. C.

Broomfield, of the Methodist Protestant Church. A beautiful selection was rendered by a quartette from the Methodist Protestant Church. Rev. G. D. Smith, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, read the 118th Psalm, and Rev. H. G. Stotzer, of the Presbyterian Church, read the scripture lesson. Rev. Bates' sermon was an able effort and was full of the spirit of Thanksgiving. His text was taken from 2 Cor. 9:11 and 2 Thess. 5:18. At the close of the sermon Rev. W. J. Diddy, of the Baptist Church, led in prayer and after a selection by the Temple quartette, the congregation was dismissed. Rev. W. L. Reid pronounced the benediction. A large congregation was present at the services.

THE FIRST THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

Issued by President George Washington, Appointing Thursday, February 19th, 1795, as a "Day of Public Thanksgiving and Prayer."

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A Proclamation:

When we review the calamities which afflict so many other Nations, the present condition of the United States affords much matter of consolation and satisfaction. Our exemption hitherto from foreign war, an increasing prospect of the continuance of that exemption, the great degree of internal tranquility we have enjoyed, the recent confirmation of that tranquility by the suppression of an insurrection which so wantonly threatened it, the happy course of our public affairs in general, the unexampled prosperity of all classes of our citizens—are circumstances of the Divine Beneficence towards us. In such a state of things, it is, in an especial manner, our duty as a people, with devout reverence and affectionate gratitude, to acknowledge our many and great obligations to Almighty God and to implore him to continue and confirm the blessings we experience.

Deeply penetrated with this sentiment I, George Washington, President of the United States, do recommend to all Religious Societies and Denominations and all persons whomsoever, within the United States to set apart and observe Thursday, the nineteenth day of February next, as a day of Thanksgiving and prayer; and on that day to meet together and render hearty thanks to the great ruler of Nations for the manifold and signal mercies, which distinguish our lot as a Nation; particularly for the possession of Constitutions of Government which unite and by their union establish liberty with order, for the preservation of our peace foreign and domestic; for the seasonable control which has been given to a spirit of disorder in the suppression of the late insurrection, and generally for the prosperous course of our affairs public and private; and at the same time humbly.

SHOOTS NEGRO

TAYLOR MARCUM WOUNDED COLORED MAN WHO HAD FREQUENTLY THREATENED HIM.

CHARLESTON, Nov. 29.—Taylor Marcum, son of Attorney Lacey Marcum, of Huntington, who has been barkeeper for J. E. Clark here for about two years, yesterday shot twice and dangerously wounded J. A. Jones, a colored barber. Marcum immediately gave himself up and was released on bond to answer such charge as might be preferred against him.

It is said that Jones had been impudent to white men in the bar, had been forbidden in the place, and had a grudge against Marcum for that reason, and had threatened him frequently. Yesterday Jones slipped in the back part of the saloon where it was dark and as Marcum came through grabbed him. The shooting followed.

JAMESTOWN EXPO.

Members of West Virginia Commission Prepare For Mountain State Exhibit.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Nov. 29.—Hon. Virgil Lewis and State Superintendent of Schools T. C. Miller have just returned from Norfolk, where they have been in conference with the officials of the Jamestown Exposition relative to the West Virginia Educational and Historical Exhibit at the tercentennial next year.

They report a most satisfactory trip and are lavish in their praise of their treatment and the enormity of the big show. The Mountain State has an excellent location in the grounds, being nearly Ohio, Pennsylvania and other neighboring States.

Only One Gathered In.

There was only one prisoner taken in last night. His name is Davis. He was coming down Main street and fell out of his buggy. Chief Bartholow was near and gathered him in.

BARNSVILLE

WILL PUT ON CITY AIRS IN TRUE STYLE AFTER THE FIRST OF NEXT MONTH.

The postoffice department has granted the Fairmont postoffice one additional clerk. The appointment dates and is effective on December 1. Mr. Charles A. Robinson, substitute clerk, who has been on duty for the past ninety days during vacation period, will be promoted to the position of regular clerk.

When the new carrier is added on December 1 the corporation of Barnsville will be included in the additional territory that will be taken in. The citizens of Barnsville and Bellview will put on city airs right. They have city water, gas, street cars and new city mail service. The citizens will build a new board walk from Barnsville to the city.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE READY FOR CONGRESS

He Discusses
Many Questions
of Interest to
The People

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—President Roosevelt's annual message will deal with the expansion of the powers of the federal government to grapple with the questions heretofore left to the States. In this respect the President has been steadily progressing. He started with advocating the regulation of trusts and railways engaged in interstate commerce in a more stringent manner than ever before, but is now committed to the policy of licensing other corporations engaged in the interstate commerce.

But President Roosevelt would go further. He would regulate the evils of divorce due to a failure of the States to adopt a uniform system. He would have Congress take some steps toward ameliorating conditions of race prejudice, which has recently led to riot and bloodshed, and to bitter armed conflicts between the blacks and the whites.

Further than this, President Roosevelt, as outlined in his famous "muck rake" speech and his speech at Harrisburg, would have Congress give careful consideration to the problem of limiting great fortunes on their transmission by the imposition of a progressive inheritance tax or a death tax. When the President first advanced

this proposal he was accused of directly catering to Socialism. Yet Congress had adopted such an emergency tax during the Spanish war for the purpose of raising revenue.

Such criticism, however, does not check Mr. Roosevelt. He believes it has an unwholesome effect upon the commonwealth for estates amounting in value to \$50,000,000, \$60,000,000 and \$80,000,000 or \$100,000,000 to pass from generation to generation. He would like to see a tax so framed as to put it out of the power of the owner of one of these fortunes to hand down more than a certain portion to any one individual. It is understood that the President, before preparing his message, became convinced that Congress had a constitutional authority to impose such an inheritance tax. It is said that his opinion is based upon the judgment of some of the best lawyers and jurists in the country. He will suggest such a method of taxation being made to apply to the transmission of fortunes which have reached an unhealthy limit.

Social and Economic Subjects.
A broad discussion of wide social and economic subjects is entered upon in the message. The President considers that the question of the regulation of railroad rates has been settled, at least until the law which went into effect last September has been fully tried. But Mr. Roosevelt believes in pushing forward. He believes in the adoption of legislation which will check corporation aggrandizement and he will be very strong in his recommendations for bringing corporations engaged in interstate commerce business

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CATHOLIC FAIR

WILL OPEN THIS EVENING—TURKEY SUPPER WILL BE SERVED AT VERY REASONABLE PRICE.

This evening at the Catholic Church on Jackson and Madison streets the ladies of the church open their annual Thanksgiving fair. A turkey supper will be served this evening for 25 cents and on each evening of the fair, which lasts the rest of this week, a supper will be served. In addition to the supper there will be numerous contests for which elegant prizes have been offered, the biggest prize being a lot in Bellview addition to the city of Fairmont. Other prizes amounting in value from \$5 to \$30 will be offered. There will be fancy booths where a great variety of hand made articles will be on sale, and a number of places of beautiful embroidered linen will be sold. There will be fortune telling booths, bean bag games and many other features of amusement. The public is invited to be present.

Stole Mr. Morgan's Bird.

Some one carried away a dressed turkey from the home of R. B. Morgan on Walnut avenue last night. Refus left the bird out on the back porch and at seven o'clock the bird was gone. Suspicious characters were seen loitering in that neighborhood and Mr. Morgan has strong suspicions as to who the guilty parties are.

Dressed turkeys at Robb's.

Count Boni Wants to Come to America and Go On the Stage As a Theatrical Star

ONLY WANTS \$2,000 A WEEK IN COIN OF THE REALM

MANY EDUCATORS

TAKE PART IN MEETING OF
TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION OF
NORTHERN WEST
VIRGINIA.

The Teachers' Association of Northern West Virginia is holding its sessions at the colored school house today. The programme will last all day to-morrow. The programme is given below:

Devotional services—Rev. Lee.
Address of welcome—Dr. E. W. Lomax, E. L. Morton.

Response—Dr. W. S. Turner, Clarksburg.

Music.

Address—"The Personal Influence of the Teacher as a Factor in Education," Prof. U. S. Fleming, principal of State Normal school.

Paper—Miss Ella Jones, Wheeling.
Paper—Miss Sarah Bowman, Simpson Creek.

Thursday Evening—8 O'clock.

Music and invocation.

Paper—Miss Emma Ruffin, Lumberport.

Paper—Harry D. Hazelwood, principal Buckhannon school.

General discussion.

Reading—Miss Jessie Holland, Monongah.

Music.

Paper—Miss Parrie Bennett, Moorefield.

Paper—Miss Alberta McClung, Parkersburg.

Address—"What the Teachers Stand For," L. O. Wilson, principal Weston school.

Friday Morning—8:30 O'clock.

Music.

Paper—Miss Lillie Allen, Clarksburg.

Paper—Miss Myrtle Munford, Sutton.

Paper—"Our Schools," Miss Frances Morton, Buckhannon.

Discussion—"Is Information the Most Important Thing Acquired in School Room?" Opened by J. Rupert Jefferson, principal of Parkersburg school.

Paper—Miss Lelia McCulloch, Wheeling.

Address—"What Should Be Expected of Our School in Reading and Writing," Prof. Joseph Vosler, superintendent, Fairmont schools.

Paper—Miss Mamie McMechen, Wheeling.

Friday Afternoon—2 O'clock.

Music and invocation.

Paper—Miss Florence Ruffin, of Clarksburg.

Paper—Miss Bessie Grant, Wheeling.

Paper—Miss Grace Julius, Parkersburg.

Address—"The Personality of the Teacher," J. W. Robinson, principal Clarksburg school.

Music.

Paper—Miss Edith Mitchell, Thornton.

Paper—Miss Bernadine Peyton, Parkersburg.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Count Boni de Castellane has an ambition to shine as an American theatrical star with two provisions, that he be given a part entitling the appellation of "artist" not "attraction," and that he receive \$2,000 real money a week for forty weeks. The information is in a letter to Lew Fields, the actor-manager from a Parisian vaudeville promoter. Boni says he cannot accept European offers on account of his social position. It is hinted that Boni is using this as a club to induce the Goulds to make a settlement upon him.

WIFE BURNT HUSBY'S PANTS

AND THEREBY HANGS A TALE OF UNUSUAL INTEREST—EXPRESS AGENT ARRESTED.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Nov. 29.—C. E. Adams, station and express agent at Kayford, where the station and Adams express office burned last Saturday morning, after the safe had been robbed of over six thousand dollars without being broken, was yesterday arrested by detectives charged with the crime. Adams claimed to have come to the office at two a. m. the morning the safe was robbed to look after some cars he had forgotten, when he was set upon by the robbers, beaten and shot in the leg. Physicians say his leg wound is very slight, and there are no signs of his being beaten over the head as alleged. When they went to examine his trousers to find if possible how near the weapon that inflicted the wound, it was learned that his wife had burned them on the plea that she did not think that they would be of use any longer.

Detectives also found seven hundred dollars in Adams house which they think part of the stolen money. Assistant Agent Dunbar was also brought to this city by the detectives and will be held as a witness as they think he can throw light on the matter.

Reading—Miss Elizabeth Boyer, Kingwood.

Paper—"Books," Miss Bessie Jordan, Fairmont.

Discussion—J. C. Cabell, Mountsville.

Friday Evening—8 O'clock.

Music.

Paper—Miss Sadie Mays, Grafton.

Address—R. W. Seidwick, Clarksburg.

Paper—Miss Esther Colston, Parkersburg.

Piano solo—Miss Mand Davis, Buckhannon.

Paper—Miss Beatrice Cox, Wheeling.

Address—J. Rupert Jefferson, principal Parkersburg school.

Solo—Miss Willa Lee, Clarksburg.

Paper—Miss Beatrice Posey, Wheeling.

Address—Dr. W. S. Turner, Clarksburg.

PRESIDENT ELIOT DOES MORE TALKING ABOUT COLLEGE SPORTS

Gives Black Eye To Basket Ball

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 29.—The athletic outlook at Harvard grows more ambiguous every day, and, with the exception of tennis and rowing, no one can definitely say what games will be allowed by the overseers and corporation during the coming year. President Charles W. Eliot, since his recent declaration that the discontinuance of football would do the university no harm, has made several objections to basket ball, hockey, and even baseball.

objectable. It is too rough, and there are too many chances for cheating. The rules have been stretched so that they spoil the game. It would be a good thing, especially, to have basket ball discontinued.

In discussing other forms of sports President Eliot admitted that, as baseball was so popular, he would not advocate its abolition, notwithstanding the objections to it. Hockey he stamped as too rough.

"It requires team work," he added, "and I must say I have no use for a game that requires that. It is not open enough, and as in basket ball, its rules have been distorted. Rowing and tennis are the only sports in which honorable play altogether is practiced. You can no more cheat in those two sports than in a game of cards; you would be crowded out of society if you tried."